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SUBJ: CONTACTS WITH SOVIETS IN MADAGASCAR

1. MAYBE IT HAS NO PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE, BUT I REPORT THE FOLLOWING FOR WHAT IT MIGHT BE WORTH.

2. SOVIET AMBASSADOR ALEXANDREYEV HAS GONE OUT OF HIS WAY TO BE NICE TO ME SINCE HIS RETURN FROM SOVIET UNION, SEEKING ME OUT AT RECEPTIONS AND EVEN INVITING ME TO LUNCH. ALTHOUGH HE IS NORMALLY CORDIAL HE HAS NEVER INVITED ME BEFORE, EXCEPT FOR THE FORMAL MORNING RECEPTIONS HE GIVES AS DEAN OF THE CORPS FOR DEPARTING CHIEFS OF MISSION, NOR HAS HE EVER SOUGHT ME OUT AT RECEPTIONS IN SUCH A WAY.

3. SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAS ALSO EXTENDED HIS FIRST INVITATION TO THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR, WHICH IS FIRST TIME FOR LATTER EVEN THOUGH HE HAS BEEN HERE NEARLY TWO YEARS AND HAS INVITED ALEXANDREYEV SEVERAL TIMES.

4. SOVIET EMBASSY HAS CHALLENGED OUR EMBASSY TO A VOLLEYBALL MATCH AND WE ARE IN SERIOUS TRAINING.

5. COMMENT: IF THIS IS JUST HAPPENING IN MADAGASCAR
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IT MAY JUST BE SOVIET INITIATIVE TO SOFTEN IMPACT OF THEIR RECENT APPARENT SUCCESSES WITH PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA. IF IT IS HAPPENING ELSEWHERE MAYBE IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH WORLDWIDE CRITICISM OF SOVIET TRIALS AND THE QUESTIONING OF SOVIET MOTIVES AND ACTIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE IN KHARTOUM AND BELGRADE.BARRETT

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